

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Cherry Hill Semi Truck Issues Task Force
12-15-22

Jennifer Jasper-Lucas called the meeting of the City of Erlanger Cherry Hill Semi Truck Issues Task Force to order in the City of Erlanger Council Chambers at 5:02pm, Thursday, December 15, 2022.

The following were present:

- Jennifer Jasper-Lucas
- Dennis Fessler
- Ron Lanta
- Joe Daugherty
- Diane King
- Linda Hornick
- Greg Baute
- Valerie Lyons
- Katie Cepers
- Julie Estep
- Bill Wulfeck
- Ruth Stoup
- Jerry Stoup
- Rebecca Reckers
- Josh Nezi
- Diana Niceley
- Tom Cahill
- Don Skidmore
- Renee Skidmore

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October 20, 2022 meeting were approved with a motion by Tom Cahill and a second by Diana Niceley.

Discussion

Current Data on Semi Trucks/Police Calls

Officer Josh Nezi reported that he has reviewed calls to Kenton Co Dispatch reporting semi trucks in Cherry Hill for 2021 and 2022. In 2021 there were 23 calls and in 2022 to now there have been 10. There are likely additional calls that are coming into Boone Co dispatch only that are not being counted in our data because those calls are not routed to us. Officer Nezi encouraged the residents in attendance to continue calling to report and ask their neighbors to do the same.

Erlanger Commerce Center Tenant Communication

Bill Wulfeck reported that the city had communicated with tenants via a letter describing the issues and that violators driving through Cherry Hill would be cited and held liable for damages. It included a request to distribute the letter to drivers. There was also a detailed map included showing drivers the correct route to the Erlanger Commerce Center and requesting that they not follow GPS directions to go through the residential neighborhood.

Jennifer Jasper-Lucas requested that the city request that the owner of the Commerce Center make their entrance sign larger. It is small and sits very low to the ground and is likely not visible to truck drivers.

GPS System Updates

Officer Nezi is now a "Map Creator" with one of the GPS Systems, Here Technologies, which allows him to actually make changes, not just request them.

Boone County Involvement in Preventative Measures

Jennifer Jasper-Lucas reported that Boone Co has ordered lane dividers to install on Donaldson at Cherry Tree Lane and Queensway Drive and additional signage at the Boone Co entrances. Tom Cahill also reported that he had spoken with the Boone Co Administrator and received his commitment to installing these as soon as they were delivered. The hope is that these dividers will alert the drivers not to turn into the neighborhood before they make they turn.

There were some questions about the existing "No Truck" signage and if anything could be added to those signs to deter the semis. Joe Daugherty from Public Works reported that all current signage meets federal and state requirements and there is nothing more that can be put on them due to federal and state limitations. He also advised that any physical barriers that are up to prevent the trucks are all we are legally able to have. Diana Niceley reported that she had seen a sign in Boone Co advising drivers NOT to follow GPS directions. Joe advised it was likely on private property but that could be an option for individuals.

Joe Daugherty also reported that the KYTC District 6 bid for work on Houston Road and Donaldson that would temporarily close Sycamore Tree would likely take place July 2023.

Task Force will plan to meet again in 2 months.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm with a motion by Diana Niceley and a second by Rebecca Reckers.

ATTESTED BY:

APPROVED BY AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Sherry Hoffman
City Clerk

Jennifer Jasper-Lucas
Chairperson
Cherry Hill Semi Truck Issues Task Force

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